

SIDA: A Story of a Country Conquering an Epidemic

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In Haiti, the population faces daily trials of poverty and starvation. Within the population there is another group of people further plagued by the devastating effects of the AIDS/HIV epidemic.

With the already bleak outlook of this disease it is easy to imagine a group of people weakened by the symptoms and the echoing emotions and thoughts that come along with such an infection. Yet, as I make my way into their homes and lives, earning their comfort and approval, I find a different phenomenon.

Instead of individuals downtrodden by their condition or resentful of their ostracized state within society, these individuals are hardworking and perseverant. They strive daily for normalcy and dignity, desiring a life only of fulfillment.

This work captures moments of muted vibrance in this community. In photographing these children, women, and men, I am humbled by their strength and quiet wisdom. These families allow me to enter into their homes and lives, presenting a moment where I am able capture the spirit of courage within them. It is this moment that is extremely important for us to witness.